

REMARKS

In the Drawings:

The Examiner objected to Figures 5 and 6 of the the drawings for containing handwritten numbers and arrows. The Examiner has also objected to the drawings for failure to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(4). Specifically, the reference character “222” has been used twice in Figure 6. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are submitted herein and thus Applicants request that the objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

In the Claims:

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 9-16 and 23-26. The Examiner has objected to claims 3, 6-8 and 17-22, which the Examiner has indicated would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant has amended claim 1 to essentially include the subject matter of claims 2 and 3 and has amended claim 12 to essentially include the subject matter of claims 16 and 17. Thus, these claims are allowable as amended. Claims 4-11 depend 1 and claims 14, 15 and 18-26 depend from claim 12. Thus, these claims are allowable for at least the same reasons as claims 1 and 12.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner would allow Claims 27-29.

SUMMARY

Pending Claims 1, 4-12, 14, 15 and 18-29 as amended are patentable. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner grant early allowance of this application. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorneys for the Applicant via telephone if such communication would expedite this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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